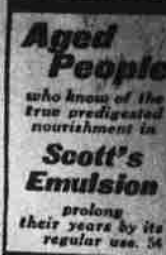




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## BOY'S CORN CLUB.

Good Display Made by Lawrence County Boys.

Fine Addresses Were Delivered by Representatives from the Department of Agriculture.

Pursuant to previous announcement in the NEWS Dr. Fred Mutchler, who represents the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is stationed at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Lexington, and Prof. J. J. Hooper and E. J. Kinney, of the Agricultural College, attended the show of the Boys Corn Club. They not only attended, but by their addresses on that occasion furnished much food for thought and gave great encouragement, not only to the boys, but to all sensible people who heard them. They spoke on Saturday, the last day of the School Fair, and they had a large and appreciative audience and were heard with profound attention. Dr. Mutchler spoke first, and it is safe to say that he delivered the best address ever made in the courthouse along the lines upon which he spoke. The doctor has several very attractive features as a public speaker. He has a clear, far-reaching voice, uses excellent English, and speaks in a way which captures and holds your undivided attention. Add to these qualities as a speaker a storehouse of practical knowledge—quite a different thing from mere learning and you have an equipment which makes Dr. Mutchler worth going miles to hear. The NEWS can notice only a few of the salient points of his admirable address. Among many things which pleased the audience was what the doctor said concerning the work of the county agricultural expert who will begin his labors here about January first. He will first go over the county and select several places for demonstration work, acquainting himself meanwhile with the character of our soil and the lay of the land. On the selected places he will raise certain crops, as best suited to the soil of those places. The owners of the farms will furnish the land, as they have always done, have broken, as they have always done, furnish the seed and the labor for cultivation, which they have also had to do before. All these things will be done under the direction of the county agent, a man chosen for his knowledge of the right way to raise the crops which are considered best for the soil. The agent will select a place as permanent headquarters, from which he will, for a short time go to visit the outlying stations, giving direction and advice as desired, then the farmers must come to him.

Dr. Mutchler wished it distinctly understood that these "stations" were not experiment, but demonstration, stations. The work on them was to demonstrate what could be done well and profitably in the selected ground—nothing of the experimental nature about it. The whole time of the agent, for a whole year, was to be given to the farmers of the county, and it is safe to say that while the services of this man and the attention of the agricultural department was almost forced upon our people, while other counties were clamoring for this attention, that in 1915 our farmer will put in an early call for the same man or one like him.

Dr. Mutchler lamented the fact that while "alligation mediet," cube root, conic sections and integral calculus," or some other things equally as abstruse were forced upon our boys until they had the headache, they were not taught how to make the ground produce a living for its owner.

Dr. Mutchler said the term rural "community" was a misnomer. We had a rural population but not a rural community. Here is a distinction with the biggest sort of difference. A community works for the mutual interest of the whole body. This was well illustrated by the action of Warren county farmers who, by united action, bought acid phosphate fertilizer for \$11 per ton which had cost them, buying singly \$17 per ton. One trouble with our farmers, the doctor said, was that they bought at retail and sold at wholesale, whereas, he said, they should do just the reverse. Dr. Mutchler is not much of a theorist, as a theorist is usually understood. He is intensely practical, and one of his aims, the NEWS thinks, is to make farmers who hear him put in-

to practice what he says. To this end he tells them things in a practical way, of what he and others have learned by putting into practice ideas that have been born careful study and intelligent experimentation.

The NEWS wishes it had more time and more space to devote to Dr. Mutchler's splendid address. Our thinking farmers who missed hearing it missed much that would have done them good.

Dr. Mutchler was followed by Prof. Hooper, a man who knows corn from the planted grain to the full ear about as well as any other man who ever appeared before a Louisa audience. He, too, is practical. He called the boys before him and pointed out to them, using the sample ears on the tables as object lessons, the marks by which corn should be judged: the length, diameter and shape of the ear, the roughness or smoothness, hardness and color of the grain, etc. His remarks were interesting and profitable to his hearers.

Prof. Kinney, who spoke of cattle, was next introduced by the chairman, Mr. H. C. Sullivan. The professor told of the way they raised cattle in various parts of Europe, using the stock best suited to the character of country. He spoke in a pleasing and interesting way.

The NEWS forgot to say at the proper place that what Dr. Mutchler told of the production and sale of strawberries, and how a \$32,000 farm was made to pay after repeated failure on part of some of its owners, was surely worth listening to.

If the gentlemen who so delightfully entertained and instructed us last Saturday will come again we shall certainly extend to them the glad hand. And Dr. Mutchler is sure to come, and that right soon.

## STUNG AGAIN.

Smooth Young Men Gather in Many Shekels Here and Elsewhere.

Several weeks ago a young man of good address and glib tongue canvassed Louisa for subscriptions to a publication of some kind, alleged to sell for 49 cents per year. He claimed he was working for a college scholarship and money to pay his way through the course. This story appealed to most of the people who listened to it and the young man raked in subscriptions by the score. Almost any one will gladly give up a half dollar to help put such a bright and energetic boy through school. But not one copy of the mythical publication has yet reached Louisa.

A few days ago in Indiana several young men who were working this same skin game were arrested. From reports in the newspapers it appears to be the same 49c. scheme that was worked here. Developments indicate that it is a deep laid fake that has been worked with great success all over the country. About a year ago Louisa was visited by the same sort of a bunch, but the plan was slightly different. This time the town was more thoroughly canvassed and with greater success. Strangers who come along with appealing tales should be turned down. There are plenty of worthy people at home who need the help we are able to give.

## COUNTY SCHOOL FAIR

Held in Louisa Last Week was Quite a Success.

The first fair ever held by the public schools of Lawrence county was held in the courthouse on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 28, and 29. Despite almost universal predictions and forebodings the display was a very creditable one. In fact, such was the size, variety and quality of the exhibit that it elicited words of pleasure and surprise from nearly all who saw it, and the attendance was by no means small. Most of the articles displayed were in place in the court room shortly after noon, when the fair was formally opened. Words of encouragement and praise were spoken to the exhibitors by H. C. Sullivan, M. S. Burns, Rev. Mr. Plummer, Charles See and others. The formal proceedings closed with singing by all present. As has been said, the display made was a revelation to all present. The work was done, every bit of it, by public school children, some of it under the direction of the teachers, some of it without any suggestion or aid

whatever. There were maps, drawings, all sorts of needlework, charts, woodwork and candy making. Some of the articles shown were, as was to be expected, crude in design and execution, but most of it was good, some exceptionally so. The fair as a whole showed the latent possibilities of Lawrence county's youth, needing only proper work to become accomplished facts.

If the NEWS is not mistaken Supt. Jay O'Daniel gave the county school fair its start in Lawrence. He was splendidly assisted by the first woman supervisor, Miss Emma Thompson, and her very able successor, Miss Elizabeth Lester. They received the able assistance of most all the teachers, and in spite of the hogsheads of very cold water which have been thrown on the idea of a school fair the results have been good.

The special attention of the NEWS was called to three or four articles shown at the fair. One was a beautiful piece of manuscript, the work of Miss Blanche Osborn, of Blaine high school, aged 13 years. It was a relief to the eye to look at the clear, finely written pages. Another was a landscape, in free-hand drawing, the work of a young girl who is the daughter of the Rev. Alonzo See, deceased. The girl had had no instruction whatever in drawing, but the work was done with a clearness and truthfulness to nature quite remarkable. Attention was also called to some specimens of wood carving and construction done, if the NEWS mistakes not, by a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Haws, of Walbridge. The work showed much talent and ingenuity.

If you want to see 41 specimens of the native woods of Lawrence county, neatly labeled and arranged, stop in at Conley's store and see the work of Andrew McClure, aged 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McClure, who live near this city. The boy gathered the specimens on his father's farm and did the work of labeling and arranging. This unique exhibit was also shown at the school fair.

The names and work of all the exhibitors will be found elsewhere in this issue of the NEWS. It is possible that some exhibitor's name has been overlooked in compiling the list, and if such is the case the NEWS will cheerfully give the names of such if they are made known to the paper.

## KENTUCKY OIL FIELDS.

Lawrence County Pool Shows Staying Qualities.

Several scattered strikes in smaller fields of Kentucky have aroused new interest in petroleum operations in districts where some abatement had been shown in field work. The territory embracing Lawrence and other northeastern Kentucky counties, as well as wild-cat centers of Western Kentucky, have shown favorable results lately.

The Lawrence county pool has furnished only light wells, but the staying qualities of these strikes make up for any smallness of yield. The district developments where made, has furnished several new wells in the "pumper" class, while advance operations have opened new prospects for the drill. In the Fallsburg district a new well has a capacity of ten barrels daily, being slightly ahead of the proven area. This district has been leased over pretty extensively and several new tests will be drilled.

Barren and Logan counties have been attracting the attention of the trade lately and are sure to be in on the winter campaign of test work. Late strikes show a fair production and arrangements have been made to plant several new rigs in both of these counties. Neither has developed a field of commercial importance, but the lining up of a new field is a slow and expensive proposition and it will require time to test the possibilities of these counties.

The leading fields of the State, including Wayne, Morgan and Wolfe, show the usual activity, without any strikes of more than ordinary capacity. Developments in these counties have been routine in nature, and with the exception of Morgan county, little work is being started outside the established limits of production. Of three new strikes in Wayne county none is outside the "pumper" class. Morgan county operations resulted in two new completions, the best one having a production of fifteen barrels daily. The first new completion in the old Campton pool of Wolfe county in several months has a yield of ten barrels daily.

Guy Atkinson came down from Paintsville, remaining over Sunday.

## OUR COAL FIELDS.

Shipping Facilities Inadequate for Handling Output.

Some of the Biggest Undertakings in Railroad Extension to Begin Next Year.

WHITESBURG, KY., Nov. 28.—The year 1914 will see the beginning of some of the biggest undertakings attempted in railroad extensions in recent years in Eastern Kentucky. The main purpose of the recent trip of the coal magnates, John C. Mayo, Paintsville; Johnson N. Camden, Versailles; J. J. Johnson, Baltimore; J. W. M. Stewart, Ashland; Clarence W. and George T. Watson, Fairmont, W. Va.; J. H. Wheelright, Baltimore; C. Bascom, West Virginia, and several others, was to secure better shipping facilities for their output to all the principal markets of the whole country, North, South, East and West.

To do this it will be necessary to build a number of railroad lines, makes extensions, increases, etc., which will necessitate a vast outlay of capital. The main connection is wanted with the cities and markets of the South Atlantic seaboard. The one line, the Chesapeake and Ohio's Big Sandy extension, is inadequate to haul immense tonnage, supplying the cities of the North and Northwest, and something must be done to facilitate the handling of the coal in that direction.

The solution to the problem is, first, the building of an extension of the Lexington and Eastern from its terminus at McRoberts about twenty-eight miles via Jenkins, and so on down Elkhorn creek to Elkhorn city, connecting with the new line of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio (or the Seaboard air line, commonly called,) soon to be completed and put into operation, giving a direct outlet to the cities of the Southeast—the growing cities of the Atlantic seaboard—coal trade centers of note.

Second, the paralleling its entire distance of the Chesapeake and Ohio's Big Sandy road by the Baltimore and Ohio, a subject discussed by railroad people for some time, and which has been under advisement. To do this it will be necessary for the B. and O. people to bridge the Ohio river at Ashland at a considerable expense. It is understood that for months the B. and O. has been financing the building of a parallel line with the C. and O. in order to get a slice of the big coal tonnage going out from the great Elkhorn coal field around Jenkins, a branch of their road, the Sandy Valley and Elkhorn, already carrying the Consolidation Coal Company's output from their mines in and around the industrial city of Jenkins and delivering it to the C. and O. at Shelby Station, 30 miles.

The Baltimore and Ohio, as a result of their Shelby-Jenkins branch, would have to build about 100 miles of road, but considering the topography of the country this would mean a gigantic undertaking. At this time the B. and O. is preparing to start the construction of a 25-mile branch line from Hazard to Beaver Creek to parallel, a new line of the C. and O., now practically complete, in order to get part of the large coal shipments soon to be coming out from the mammoth plant of the Elkhorn Coal Corporation and the Beaver Coal and Gas Company and the other concerns getting in readiness to begin coal shipments from Weeksburg and Allen, new cities on Beaver creek. At least ten miles of steel has already been laid on the new Beaver branch of the C. and O. and the remainder of the work is being rushed with all possible speed.

The Lexington and Eastern extension from McRoberts via Jenkins and down Elkhorn City, would penetrate an immensely rich coal and timber section yet untouched. It was the purpose of railroad officials two years ago to extend the road in to Elkhorn City, a strategic point of outlet for a vast rich coal district surrounding, both in Kentucky and Virginia, the survey having several times been made. This further extension of the L. and E. would only parallel the Sandy Valley and Elkhorn road entering Jenkins from Jenkins to Shelby Gap, a distance of six miles, the remainder of the route being through almost untouched fields of timber and extensive coal beds.—Louisville Post.

The Finch Club was entertained by Mrs. A. M. Hughes this week.

## ORDERS HUGE COAL CARS.

The Norfolk & Western Railway Co. has ordered the construction at its Roanoke, Va., shops of 750 all-steel gondola cars of 100 tons capacity each. The first of this extra large type of coal-carrying car was built by the Norfolk & Western Railway some months ago as an experiment. It is said that the advantage of these large cars is that they enable locomotives to haul shorter trains, although the coal tonnage is the same as when more cars of less individual capacity are used. The trains are thus easier handled. These new cars, each of which has two six-wheeled trucks, will be placed in service between the mines on the Norfolk & Western Railway and tidewater at Lambert's Point, Va., and will be employed mainly in connection with shipments to be handled over the road's new pier there, which is now fully under construction.

## LOUISA BAKING CO.

This company announces that it will begin the shipment of its product on Monday next, Dec. 8th. The machinery is in place and nothing remains except to "try it out." The company has no doubt of the success of the enterprise, and the people of Louisa are equally optimistic. Look out for Lobaco Bread.

## AGAIN THE OPEN GRATE.

On Sunday last the 3 year old son of Dave York, of Saltwater, was seriously burned by his clothing catching fire from an open grate. The child's stomach and abdomen are badly burned and doubts of its recovery are entertained. Dr. Wellman was called to attend the case.

## FARMERS INSTITUTE

Will be Held in Louisa Next Wednesday and Thursday.

Neither discouraged nor deterred by small attendance and lack of interest on previous occasions of the kind Commissioner of Agriculture Newman has arranged for another Farmers Institute to be held in Louisa next Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10-11.

The State Department of Agriculture will furnish two state lecturers on farm topics and a lady lecturer on household affairs. Lecturers from the Forestry Commission and Good Roads Department of the State Government will also be present as well as local speakers.

All are invited and urged to attend. Farm life in all its phases will be discussed. If you want to grow better crops in a more economical way, study your own interests and help develop the state.

The following lecturers will be here. The ladies are especially requested to come and hear Mrs. Gunn discuss household affairs: Mr. W. H. Clayton, Mr. J. E. Hite, Mr. M. Douglas, Mrs. M. F. Gunn, (Household Affairs,) Mr. Harry Price, and a Representative of Good Roads Department as well as local speakers.

A new era seems to have come in the history of agricultural development in Lawrence county, and the NEWS urges the people to respond to this call of Commissioner Newman by coming out and taking part in the meeting to be held next week. The young men are particularly urged to be present.

## APPOINTMENTS IN KENTUCKY

Fourth-class Postmasters Named for Various Small Towns.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Fourth-class Postmasters appointed in Kentucky: P. G. L. Glick, at Big Stone Elliott-co.; Geo. W. Robinson, at Dobbins, Elliott-co.; Lizzie Williams at Jephtha, Morgan-co.; Mrs. Minnie F. Phillips, at Liberty Road, Morgan-co.; Chas. W. Venell, at Wyett, Elliott-co.; Noah C. Day, at Alice, Morgan-co.; Thos. W. Blevins, at Levens, Elliott-co.; B. F. Fannin, at Layton, Elliott-co.; Jas. D. Green, at Culver, Elliott-co.; Mrs. Pauline Williams, at Dingus, Morgan-co.; A. J. Fyfe, at Fyffe, Morgan-co.; Robt. W. Jacobs, at Jacobs, Carter-co.; Mrs. C. Barker, at Kilen, Elliott-co.; Mrs. F. Wallin, at Moon, Morgan-co.; W. F. Rice, at Newcomb, Elliott-co.; L. M. Ward, at The Ridge, Elliott-co.; Jno. R. Reese, at Lenox, Morgan-co.; Boston Jones, at Mt. Savage, Carter-co.; Dora Gilliam, at Riddle, Elliott-co.; George W. Wilson, at Saulsberry, Carter-co.

## REV. S. D. BOGGS DEAD.

Danville, Ky., Nov. 28.—The Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Boggs, 68, died yesterday at the Danville hospital, where he underwent an operation on Wednesday. He had been in declining health several months. Dr. Boggs was born August 21, 1845, in Abbeville-co., South Carolina. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia. He came to Kentucky in 1874 and for six years was pastor of the Clintonville and Hopewell churches, near Lexington, and for twenty years was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Catlettsburg. By the unanimous and rising vote of the Synod of Kentucky he was called from this pastorate in Catlettsburg in 1907 to become superintendent of his evangelistic work, including the work in the Big Sandy Valley, to which he had already been giving all his leisure time for years. For the last two years his work has been confined exclusively to Transylvania and Ebenezer Presbyteries, stands to-day the lasting monument of his long and faithful service in the Matthew T. Scott Academy and Industrial School, located at Phelps, Ky., together with the flourishing churches, ten in number, and missions, of which seven will grow to be churches. The missions are in the center of the great mining regions of Eastern Kentucky.

For the better education of his children Dr. Boggs removed his family to Danville in 1911.

## DIED NEAR FT. GAY.

Henry A. Portiss died near Fort Gay on Monday last and was buried in the See graveyard on the following day. He left a widow and one child. He died of tuberculosis. He was a brother-in-law of Mont See. Mr. Portiss was an Odd Fellow and was buried with the honors of that order. The Rev. Mr. Plummer, of this city, conducted the funeral service.

## THE SICK.

The NEWS regrets to learn that the illness of Mr. Will Queen, who is suffering from typhoid fever, has assumed a very serious form. He has had a hemorrhage, and his friends are anxious concerning his condition.

The condition of Judge O'Brien remains unchanged. He is very weak and is in bed most of the time.

## FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Louisa Who Defeated Strong Prestonsburg Eleven.

Local gridiron enthusiasts were given quite a treat on Thanksgiving day, when they saw the strong Prestonsburg team, touted as the would-be champions, go down in defeat before the star Louisa team, in a fast and interesting game. It was only in the first quarter that the Prestonsburg team showed sufficient form to warrant their followers in heralding them as the coming champions of the valley. In this period the visitors made first down twice, but thereafter were wholly on the defensive.

In the second, third and fourth quarters, by their team-work and handling of the forward pass the local boys showed themselves to be superior. Of the four forward passes tried by Louisa, three were completed with decided gains. Louisa made the only score of the game, by a touch-down, in the last part of the fourth quarter.

Louisa appeared to be more familiar with the modern game, as Prestonsburg clung to the antiquated close formations.

The Louisa back field played a star game throughout, and the line was all that could be desired. For Prestonsburg, W. Wells, Flannery, Mayo and White did the most brilliant work. This game brings the well deserved title, "Champions of the Big Sandy Valley" to Louisa.

The line-up is as follows:

Louisa	Position	Prestonsburg
O'Neal	L. E.	McMillan
A. Frazier	L. T.	Workman
Williamson		
F. Frazier	L. G.	H. Wells
See	C.	Mann
Wellman	R. G.	Rankin
Sammons	R. T.	Lawhorn
Hewlett	R. E.	White
Endicott	Q. B.	Akers
Vinson	L. H.	Mayo
Henry	R. H.	Flannery
Turner	F. B.	W. Wells

Referee—Garred, K. S. U. Umpires—Bargess, State. Linesmen—Dr. Archer, U. of L. and Vanhose, West Virginia. Timekeeper, Spencer, K. N. C. Time of Quarters 12½ minutes. Touchdown—Vinson.

—(Contributed.)